



PALM SUNDAY

Today we commemorate our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and we begin the journey of Holy Week, the most important week of the Christian year.

Palm Sunday is full of significance. Palms and cloaks were strewn to soften the path ahead for someone important. It is likely that the crowds would have been singing part of Psalm 118, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord", and "Hosanna" which means God saves us. The symbolism of the donkey is that it is an animal of peace. A king would have ridden a horse if he was bent on war, but Christ came as Prince of Peace.

+++++

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday to Wednesday evening this week – worship at St Mark, 8.00pm, Monday – Compline, Tuesday and Wednesday - Mass Maundy Thursday, 28th March, 8.00pm Mass with Foot Washing at St Mark

Good Friday, 29th March– Walk of Witness, Meditation followed by the Liturgy of Good Friday at Holy Innocents *Easter Eve, 30th March, 9.00am, Tenebrae Service at Holy Innocents *Easter Day, 8.00am at St Mark, 10.00am Parish Mass at Holy Innocents and St Mark**

This evening at **St John, Upper Norwood**, 7.30pm, a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion, by St John's choir. Please check their Facebook page if you would like to go.

Southwark Cathedral on Good Friday, 6.30pm. You are warmly invited to support the Girl Choristers and Lay Clerks of Southwark Cathedral Choir who will be Duruflé's powerful and hauntingly beautiful Requiem. The Requiem, known for its emotional depth and spiritual resonance, will transport you to a place of contemplation and transcendence. The Cathedral Choir will be accompanied by orchestra and the programme will also include Four motets for the season of Lent by Poulenc. [Tickets are available here.](#)

+++++

Thank you to everyone who helped at the **Easter Fair last Sunday**, setting up, preparing and serving the food, helping on the stalls. And thank you to all who came along and supported it.

+++++

A prayer for this week from *Watch and Pray*

O Holy One, you are the one who makes us whole again. We present to you our bodies, our minds, our spirits, our cultures and communities. Heal us and send us out to tell others all that you have done for us. Amen

Welcome to the United Benefice of Holy Innocents and St. Mark, South Norwood

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



24th March 2024

Vicar: Vacant

Priest (PTO): Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Mark 11.1-11 * Psalm 118 * Isiah 50.4-9a * Psalm 31 * Philippians 2.5-11
The Passion according to St Mark*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: for enquiries regarding baptism, confirmation, weddings, blessings, house blessings, renewal of marriage vows, thanksgiving for the birth of a child, to make your confession, or to request a home or hospital visit, please contact Mother Susan 07890 780572, fs.kiley@btinternet.com or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

The Benefice is now in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Donald Ferguson (mr.dferguson@hotmail.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk

+++++

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin. **For** the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and the *Church of the Province of West Africa.*

For St Peter, Brockley Benjamin Jones (Vicar) Chris Gaul (Pioneer Assistant Curate) Joel Soares (Pioneer Assistant Curate) Dom Toms (Assistant Curate) Sylvia Richards (SPA) Carol Smith (SPA)

For the sick – Abdul, Sharon, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Caroline, Susan, Kay, Sacha, Mei, Abraham, Marlise and Amanda.

The bereaved

The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time